(d) the total estimated cost of Sambalpur-Talcher Railway line at present ?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI GEORGE FERNANDES) : (a) Its completion will depend on availability of resources in the coming years.

(b) Percentage of work done is 19% upto July, 90. Amount spent is Rs. 27.62 crores upto March, 90.

(c) During 1990-91.

(d) Rs. 100.00 crores.

Production of Edible Oils

3585. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) what was the production of oilseeds and edible oils during the year 1989-90;

(b) how does it compare with the previous three years;

(c) whether Government have undertaken any review of the oilseeds and elible oils policy; and

(d) what is Government's action plan to remove the shortage of edible oils ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The production of oilseeds and edible oils during the last three years is as follows :

Year	Production of oil seeds (lakh tonnes)	Production of edible oil (lakh tonnes)
1986-87	112·7	33·48
1987-88	126·5	37·67
1988-89	178·9	49·50
1989-90	171·6*	47·81*

*Estimated

(c) The oilseeds and edible oil production, import, distribution and pricing is being regularly monitored by the Department of Agriculture and Cooperation and by the Empowered Committee on Oilseeds Policy.

(d) During the VIII Plan, the Government would continue to support the farmers with technology, inputs and remunerative price for oilseeds with the objective of achieving near self-reliance in edible oils by the year 1994-95.

Regulations for Control of Pesticides

3586. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware that in U.K. under control of pesticides Regulation 1980 it is illegal to use any pesticide except officially approved by their Ministry of Agriculture; and

(b) if so whether similar regulations exist in India and if not, the reasons therefor and the steps proposed to be taken in this regard ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI NITISH KUMAR) : (a) and (b) The Government is aware that the use of pesticides is Regulated in U.K. in India also, use of pesticides is strictly regulated through Insecticides Act 1968. No pesticides can be used in India unless it is registered for this purpose by the Registration Committee set up under this Act.

Adulteration of vegetable oil by the NDDB

3587. SHRI SHAMIM HASHMI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government are aware of dissatisfaction over PDS and price-rise ex-